

WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL

Thursday, November 19, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

The following members participated:

Kelley Goes
Elaine Harris (via phone)
Sonia Chambers (via phone)
Michael Kelemen
B.K. Fulton (via phone)
Kyle Schafer
Lee Fisher (via phone)
Mike Friloux (via phone)
Dr. Jan Fox
Jimmy Gianato

Additional participants:

Jonathan Cauldwell
Brandy Messer (via phone)
John Baisden (via phone)
Senator Bob Williams
Andrea Rayl

After a quorum was established, Chair Goes welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order.

Business

Chair Goes asked for the approval of the minutes from the October meeting of the Broadband Deployment Council. The Council approved the minutes with no objection.

Other Business

With no specific items for discussion on the agenda, Chair Goes opened up the meeting to questions and comments from the Council.

Lee Fisher asked for clarification on a question he posed at the October meeting. Mr. Fisher is interested to know if the state gets any of the requested money when and what decisions will be made with regards to distribution of the money. Chair Goes stated that the first question will be "Where does it make sense to use the funds?" She also said

that the question is hard to completely answer because we just do not know what funds ,if any, that the state will receive. Goal to put broadband where there is none.

Kyle Schafer inquired about money for a mapping initiative. Chair Goes stated that this is a separate grant and application from the broadband application and that the grant has been awarded by money has not been distributed yet. They are now looking what part can be done in house and what will have to be done by other entities.

Michael Kelemen asked if there will be a renewed request for information from the providers. Chair Goes said that as far as the state is concerned there is a continuing request for information from the providers.

Chair Goes stated that the NTIA promised to provide a NOFA for the second round, as of yet, that has not been provided. The NTIA also said that they would allow more time to apply in the second round, but it only extends the due date by twenty days. NTIA has contacted the state for due diligence and a consulting firm has been assigned to the state's application.

Chair Goes asked the Council if there was any group or part of the broadband industry that the Council would be interested in hearing from. Lee Fisher stated that he would like to hear from someone at the FCC. Chair Goes said that she would contact them to see if they would be interested in sending someone to speak before the Council.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be noticed for December 9, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location, call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.